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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed May 2, 2005, Applicant elects to prosecute with traverse Invention Group I, claims 1-6 and 8-14 drawn to a method of forming an electronic lens "with tuning a refractive index profile of the light beam passing through the lens".

Based on the restriction requirement, Applicant lists embodiments as follows:

- Claims 1-6 and 8-14, group I, drawn to a method of forming an electronic lens "with tuning a refractive index profile of the light beam passing through the lens".
- Claims 15-19 and 21-24, group II, drawn to a method of forming an electronic lens using ultra-violet light "forming an inhomogeneous layer of liquid crystal droplets".

Applicant disagrees with the restriction requirement for several reasons. A policy consideration behind a restriction requirement would suggest that separate inventions exists that inherently would include separate prior art searches, examinations, examiners, etc. The Primary Examiner does not state that different art units and/or different examiners would need to search and examine the inventions of Invention groups I and II. If Invention groups I and II can be searched by the same art unit and further by the same examiner, then having different examiners conduct separate searches and examinations would not create an undue time and financial burden on both the patent office and on the applicant.

Again, in reference to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute, with traverse, Invention 1, Claims 1-6 and 8-14, drawn to a method of forming an electronic lens "with tuning a refractive index profile of the light beam passing through the lens".

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